

Application Serial No.: 09/769,968
Reply to Office Action dated December 23, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,392,669 to Matoba et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,765 to Pietropaolo et al., Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,414,686 to Protheroe et al. and Claims 6, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,538,665 to Crow et al.. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Before considering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, it is believed that a brief review of the subject matter of the independent claims would be helpful. In this regard, independent Claim 1 includes a reservation registration apparatus for performing a reservation registration process causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. The apparatus includes display controlling means for displaying on a display screen a plurality of reservation subject icons, a time base display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration and when the reservation subject icon is moved onto the time base display area, a reservation time display division is displayed in a position on the time display area in a position onto which the reservation subject icon is moved. A controlling means is provided for performing the reservation registration taking a time

according to the display position of the reservation time display division on the time base display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject. A selection means is provided for receiving input media for the arbitrary reservation subject, the input media having at least one component, the selection means operating to select and mix formats of the at least one component of the media. Conversion means is provided appropriately converting formats of the at least one component of the media so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed, and process controlling means is provided to control the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Independent Claim 7 includes a method of reservation registration for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. The method includes a first display step of displaying on a display screen a plurality of reservation subject icons representing the reservation subjects and a time display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration, a second display step of when the reservation subject icon is moved onto the time base display area, displaying a reservation time base display division in a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved, a registration step of performing the reservation registration taking a time according to the display position of the reservation time display division on the time base display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject, receiving input media for the arbitrary reservation subject where the input medium has at least one component, selecting and mixing formats of the at least one

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component of the media, appropriately converting the formats of the at least one component of the media so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed and controlling the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Independent Claim 13 includes a program storage medium for causing an information processing apparatus to execute a program, the program including a first display step of displaying on a display screen a time base display area for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated and a reservation subject icon representing said reservation subject, a second display step of, when said reservation subject icon is moved onto said time base display area of a calendar, displaying a reservation time display division in a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved, a registration step of performing the reservation registration taking a time according to the display position of the reservation time display division on the time base display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject, receiving input media for the arbitrary reservation subject, where the input media has at least one component, selecting and mixing formats of the at least one component of the media, appropriately converting said formats of said at least one component of the media so that the input media for said arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed; and controlling the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

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With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Matoba et al. in view of Pietropaolo et al., neither Matoba et al. nor Pietropaolo et al. disclose displaying a reservation time display division in a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved, as in independent Claims 1, 7 and 13. As discussed in the specification at page 28, line 13 et seq. and shown in Figure 10 the reservation information display division 122g displays a reservation subject icon, a reservation number to identify a plurality of time reservations starting dates, starting time and ending time. This feature is not disclosed by either Matoba et al. or Pietropaolo et al.. Nor is this feature addressed in the Office Action.

The Office Action recognizes that Matoba et al. does not teach a time base display area that enables an icon to be moved onto the display area with the display area displaying the corresponding time division. However Pietropaolo does not disclose and the Office Action does not address, the feature of a time display division being displayed in a position on the time base display area onto which said reservation subject icon is moved. Pietropaolo merely discloses at column 11, lines 52-55 that any clip to be incorporated into the program may be dragged and dropped into the program window 50.

Neither Protheroe et al. nor Crow cure the deficiencies of Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al. as discussed above.

The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above and for the individual features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

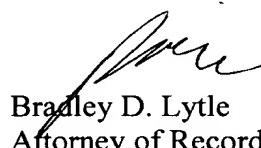
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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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